



A **Brilliants**
from
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To Gertrude L. Hatch kiss
from
Sarah Dickerman
Christmas 1905





Every dream that
makes us purer
makes us wiser too.

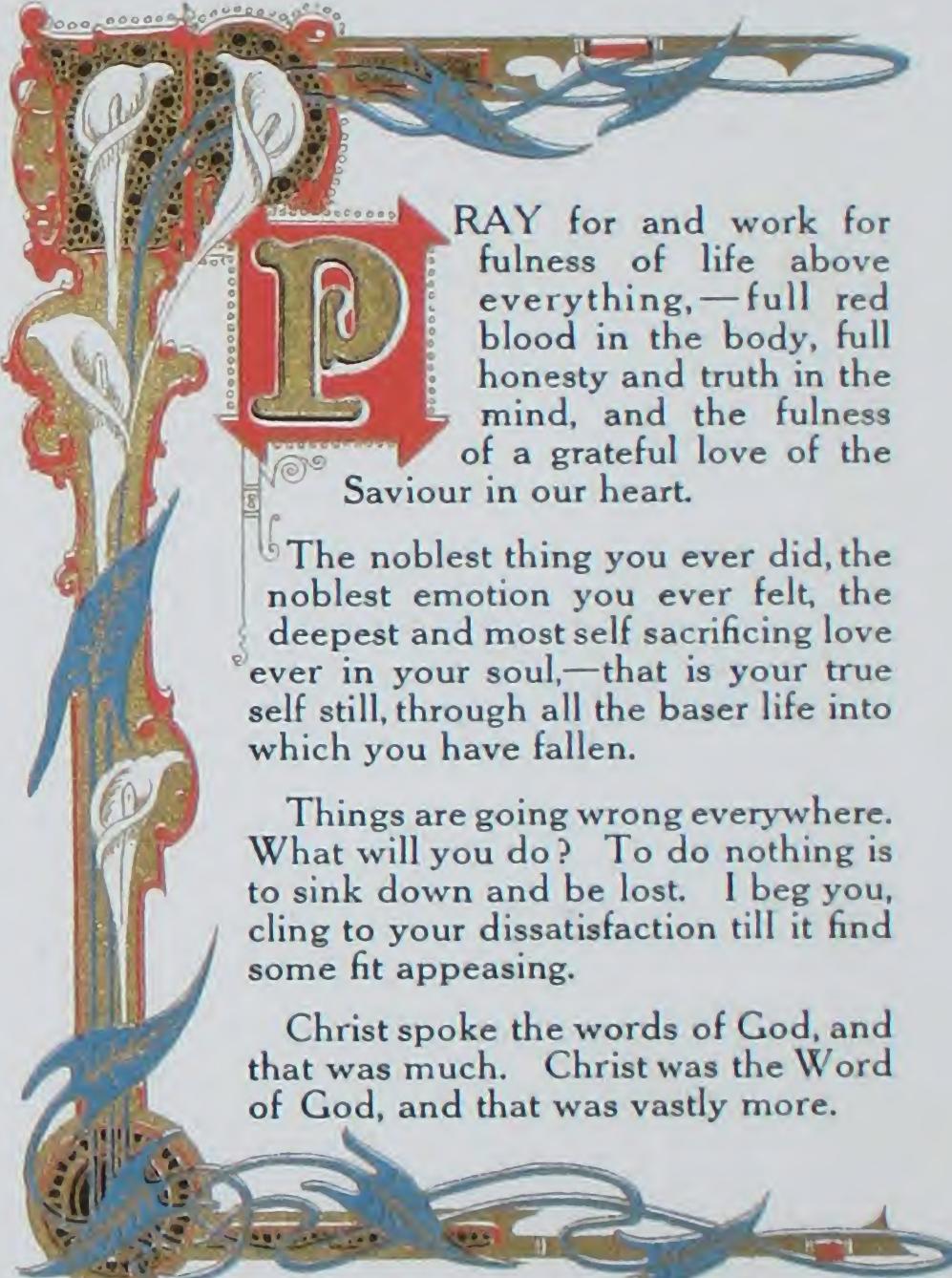


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RAY for and work for fulness of life above everything,—full red blood in the body, full honesty and truth in the mind, and the fulness of a grateful love of the Saviour in our heart.

The noblest thing you ever did, the noblest emotion you ever felt, the deepest and most self sacrificing love ever in your soul,—that is your true self still, through all the baser life into which you have fallen.

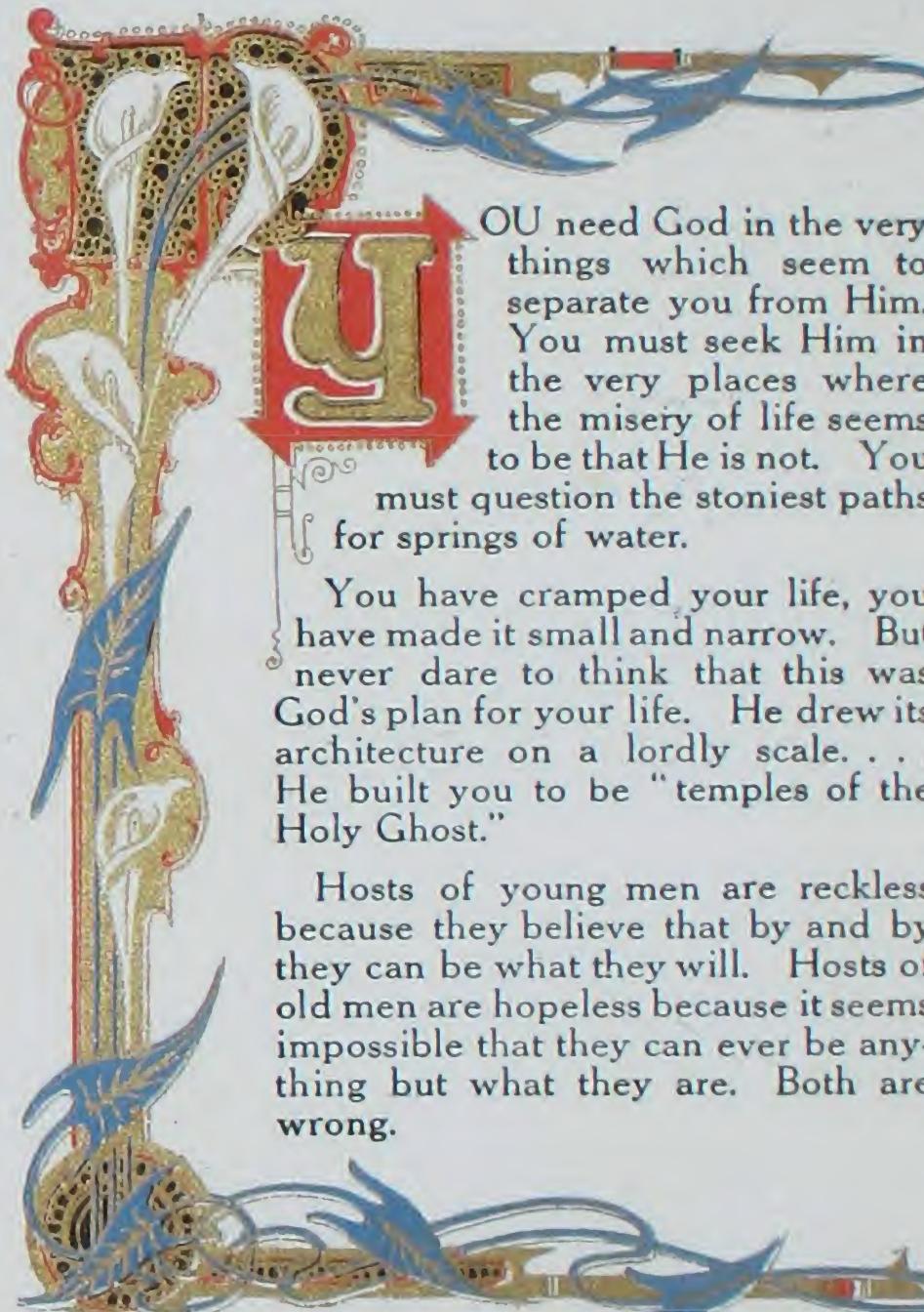
Things are going wrong everywhere. What will you do? To do nothing is to sink down and be lost. I beg you, cling to your dissatisfaction till it find some fit appeasing.

Christ spoke the words of God, and that was much. Christ was the Word of God, and that was vastly more.



We are like windows through
which a higher light is always
falling . . . but the window is
blurred and mottled because at
some places it is stained deep
and will not let the light through.

Do not think about outstrip-
ping each other; think of getting
to the goal! Let your whole
soul be set on God, on getting
to Him.



YOU need God in the very things which seem to separate you from Him. You must seek Him in the very places where the misery of life seems to be that He is not. You must question the stoniest paths for springs of water.

You have cramped your life, you have made it small and narrow. But never dare to think that this was God's plan for your life. He drew its architecture on a lordly scale. . . . He built you to be "temples of the Holy Ghost."

Hosts of young men are reckless because they believe that by and by they can be what they will. Hosts of old men are hopeless because it seems impossible that they can ever be anything but what they are. Both are wrong.

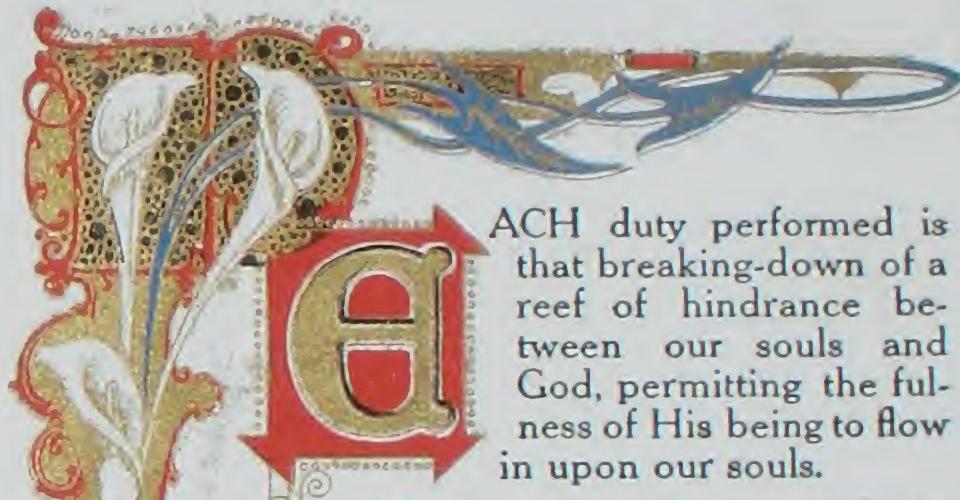


If a thought comes
and offers you its
service, question it
like a man: What can
you do? Can you sow,
and dig, and build?

The completest humility of
man has always come, must
always come, by man's knowing
the greatness of his nature and his
privileges.

Not merely by trying not to be selfish, but
by entering into the new joy of unselfish consecration
—so only shall you kill your selfishness.

Every duty presses out, and demands its highest
motive its fullest action. It must have, therefore, the
highest help



ACH duty performed is that breaking-down of a reef of hindrance between our souls and God, permitting the fulness of His being to flow in upon our souls.

We know that Christ was saving Himself while He saved the world. He was fulfilling His work. He was entering into life as death crept over Him. And always it is the living, not the dead, who give life.

God surely could not send His souls at random into the world, but for each a place must be hollowed out in the plain of time, and filled with all that could bring that soul to its best completeness.

Our friends must be more and not less to us in the other world than they are here; this world only begins friendships.



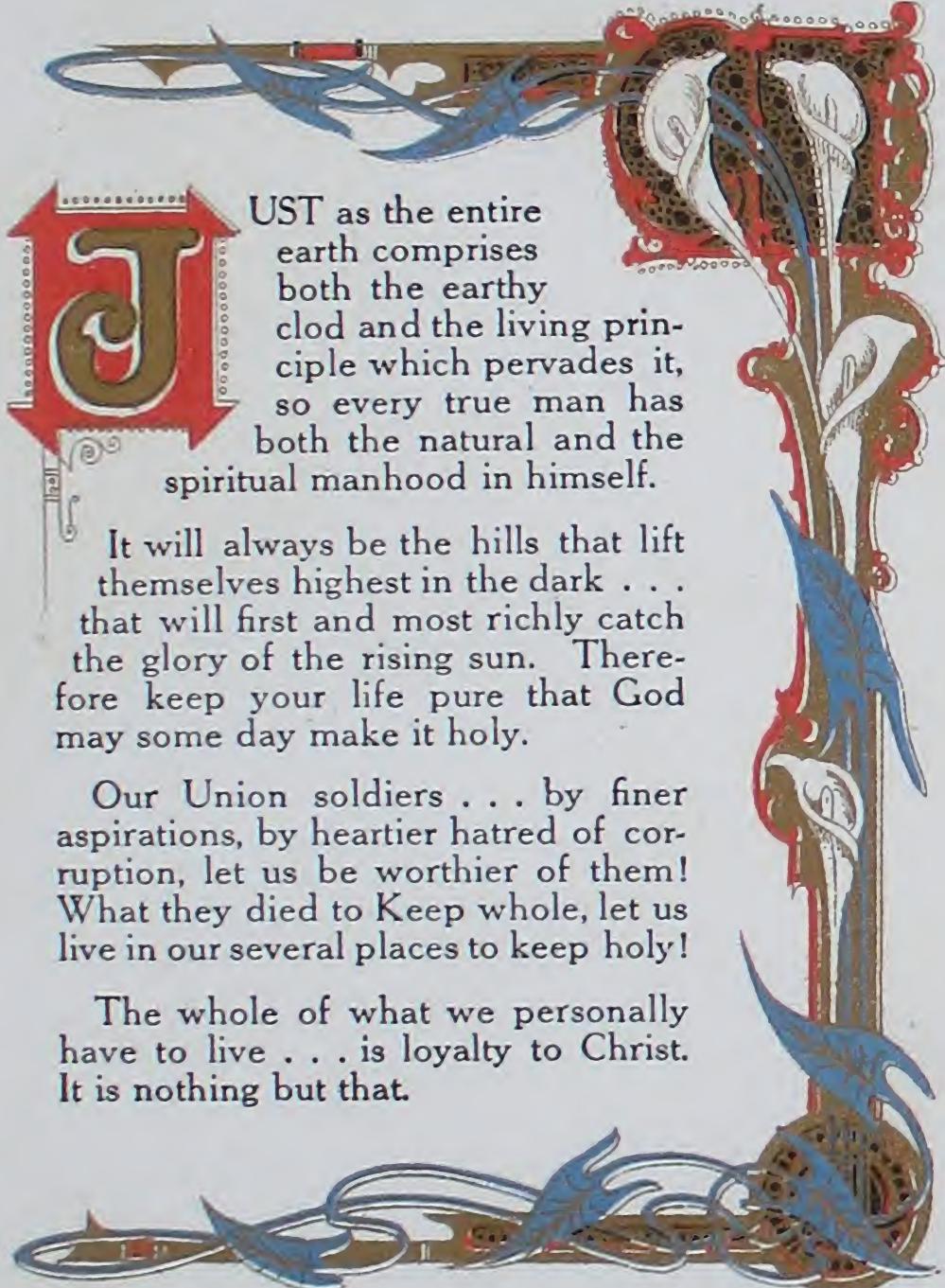
O not make heaven attractive merely by depositing earth. A cheap expedient. Make earth its richest and best, and then be able to make heaven still higher.

Men will talk of little things and great things, as if they knew what things were little and what things were great!

Has it not grown to be the commonplace of history that it is by suffering that God makes His best soil ready for the seed that He is meaning to sow in it?

May God grant us something of the privilege of Christ, which was to live a manly life for God's sake, and also to live a godly life for man's sake.



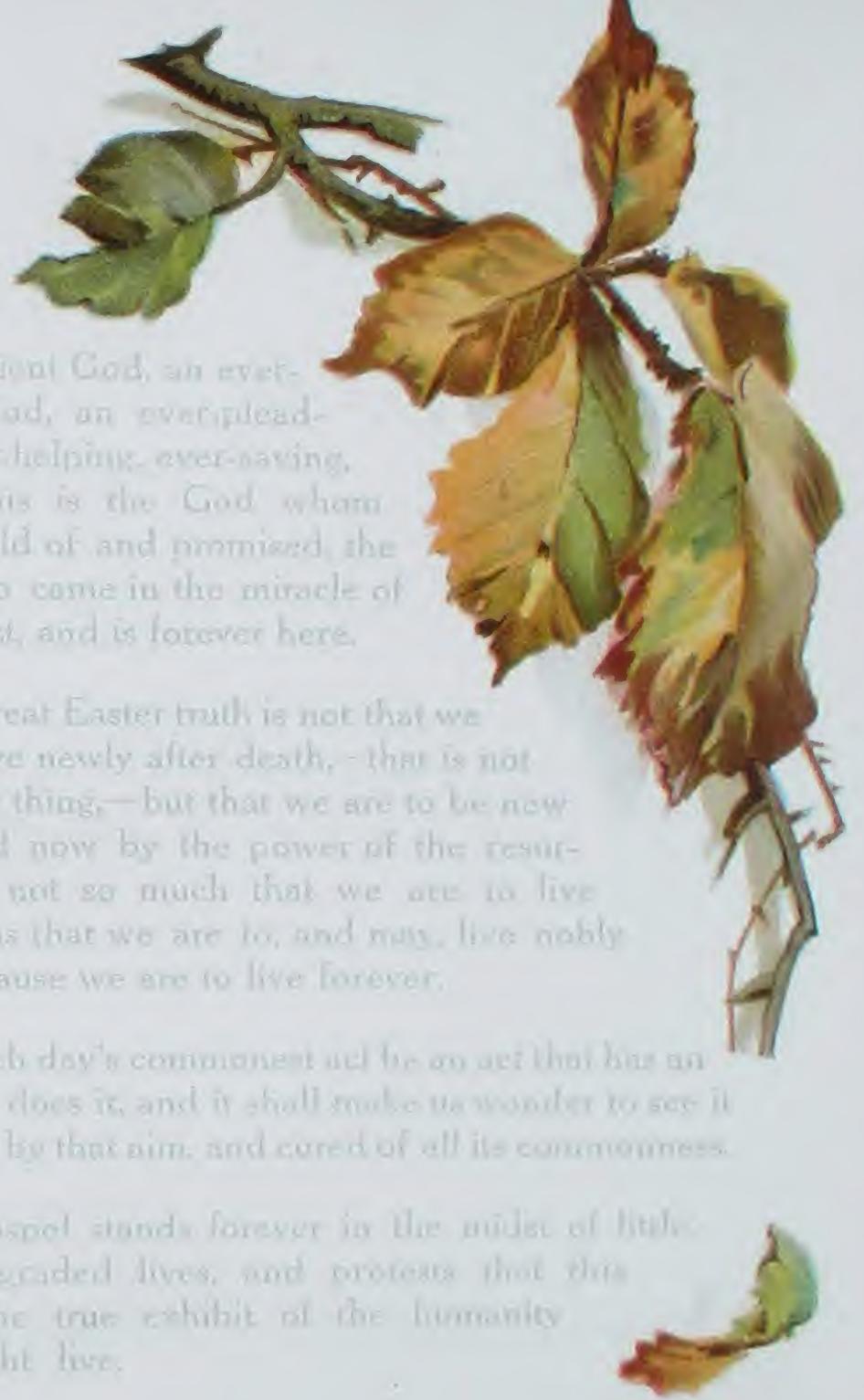


JUST as the entire earth comprises both the earthy clod and the living principle which pervades it, so every true man has both the natural and the spiritual manhood in himself.

It will always be the hills that lift themselves highest in the dark . . . that will first and most richly catch the glory of the rising sun. Therefore keep your life pure that God may some day make it holy.

Our Union soldiers . . . by finer aspirations, by heartier hatred of corruption, let us be worthier of them! What they died to keep whole, let us live in our several places to keep holy!

The whole of what we personally have to live . . . is loyalty to Christ. It is nothing but that.

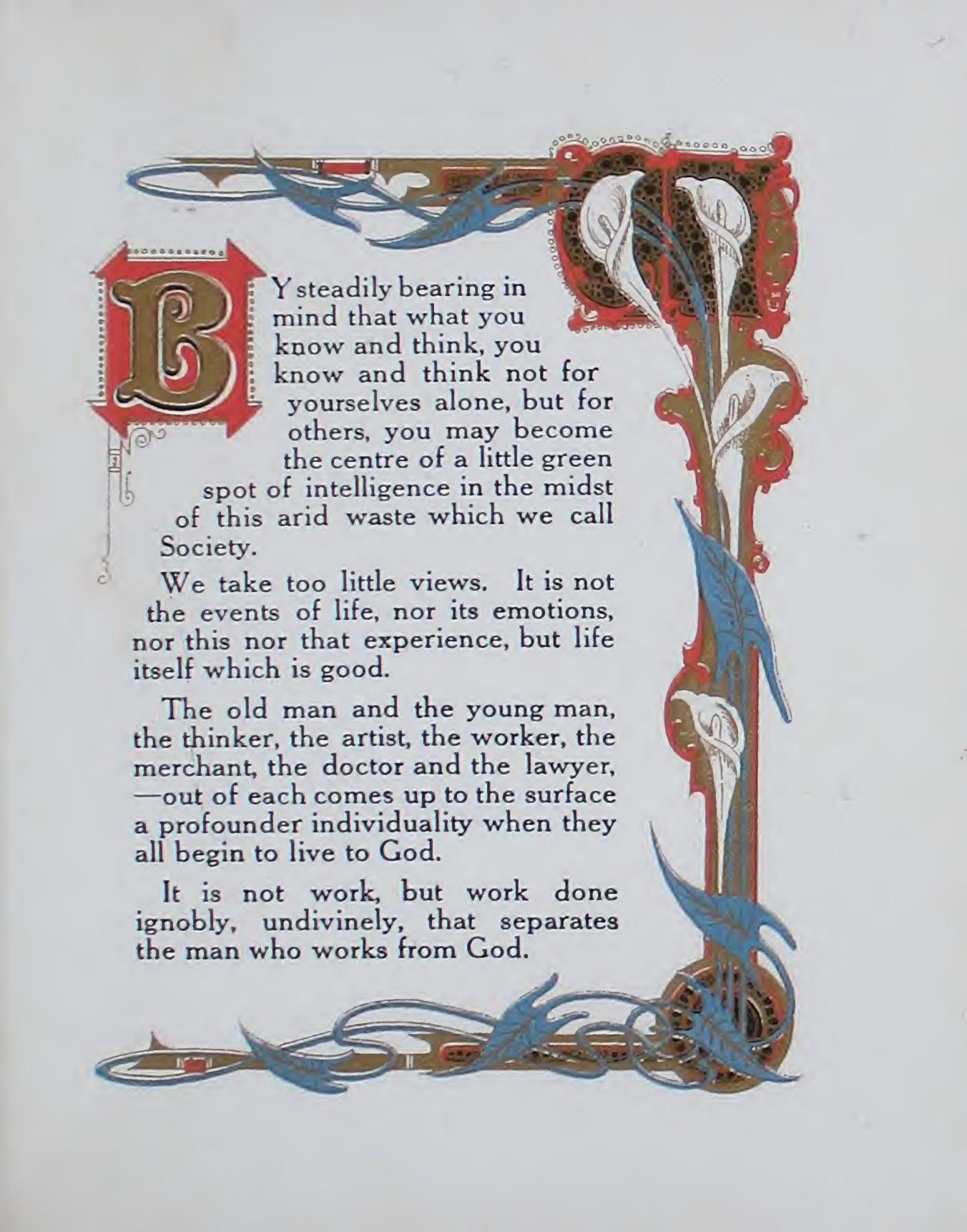


A present God, an ever-living God, an ever-pleading, ever-helping, ever-saving, God—this is the God whom Christ told of and promised, the God who came in the miracle of Pentecost, and is forever here.

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death, — that is not the great thing,—but that we are to be now here and now by the power of the resurrection; not so much that we are to live forever as that we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever.

Let each day's commonest act be an act that has an aim, and does it, and it shall make us wonder to see it dignified by that aim, and cured of all its commonness.

The gospel stands forever in the midst of little, base, degraded lives, and protests that this is not the true exhibit of the humanity that might live.



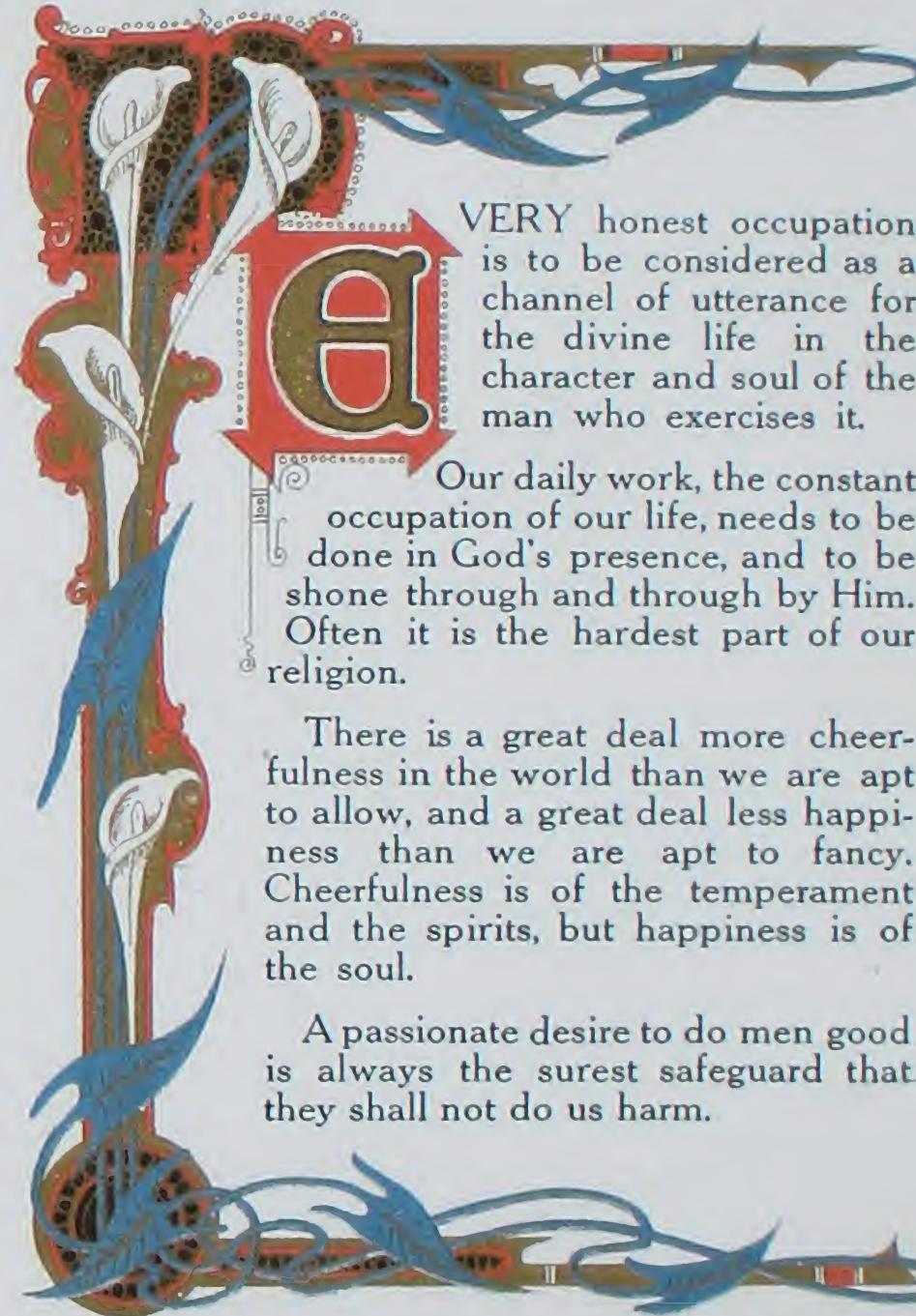
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Y steadily bearing in mind that what you know and think, you know and think not for yourselves alone, but for others, you may become the centre of a little green spot of intelligence in the midst of this arid waste which we call Society.

We take too little views. It is not the events of life, nor its emotions, nor this nor that experience, but life itself which is good.

The old man and the young man, the thinker, the artist, the worker, the merchant, the doctor and the lawyer, —out of each comes up to the surface a profounder individuality when they all begin to live to God.

It is not work, but work done ignobly, undivinely, that separates the man who works from God.



EVERY honest occupation
is to be considered as a
channel of utterance for
the divine life in the
character and soul of the
man who exercises it.

Our daily work, the constant
occupation of our life, needs to be
done in God's presence, and to be
shone through and through by Him.
Often it is the hardest part of our
religion.

There is a great deal more cheerfulness in the world than we are apt to allow, and a great deal less happiness than we are apt to fancy. Cheerfulness is of the temperament and the spirits, but happiness is of the soul.

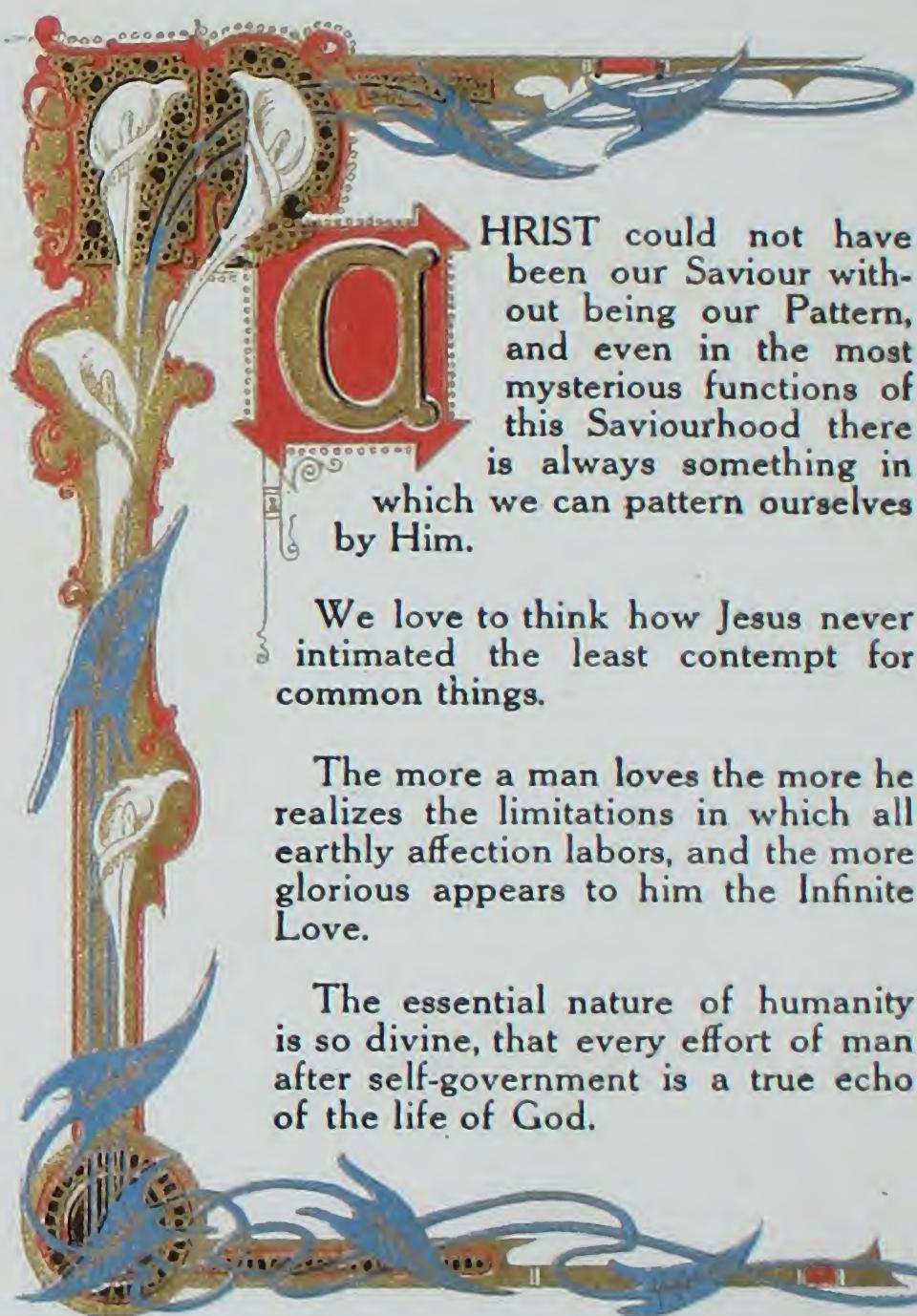
A passionate desire to do men good is always the surest safeguard that they shall not do us harm.



A fresh thought may be spoiled by sheer admiration.
It was given us to work in
and live by.

To be at peace with ourselves is not to loosely approve ourselves in what we are. It is to work with ourselves that we may be all that God made us for.

Our best moments are not departures from ourselves, but are really the only moments in which we have been ourselves.



CHRIST could not have been our Saviour without being our Pattern, and even in the most mysterious functions of this Saviourhood there is always something in which we can pattern ourselves by Him.

We love to think how Jesus never intimated the least contempt for common things.

The more a man loves the more he realizes the limitations in which all earthly affection labors, and the more glorious appears to him the Infinite Love.

The essential nature of humanity is so divine, that every effort of man after self-government is a true echo of the life of God.



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